**Please replace** the paragraph at page 5, lines 22-26, with the following re-written paragraph:

Fig. 27 shows one example of a file composition for representing index data. Here, the lowest levels of the 'Current directory' 1 of the file are 'Image directory' 2 and 'Index.xml' 3. Moreover, the lower level of the 'Image directory' is 'Image.jpg' 4.

**Please replace** the paragraph at page 58, lines 8-13, with the following re-written paragraph:

The electronic watermark detecting section 1702, forwarding request section 1703, image synthesizing section 1704 and display 1705 are similar to those described in the second embodiment above. The document recognition section 1706 identifies the type of document. The document format database memory 1707 stores document format [[data]] information for image data.

**Please replace** the paragraph at page 61, lines 3-12, with the following re-written paragraph:

In response to the request made, the transmission section 1709 of the image server 1708 receiving the aforementioned retrieval information 1716 firstly obtains the co-ordinates of the region corresponding to the text region number 1718 in the retrieval information 1716, from the document format database memory 1710. For example, if information relating to text region 1712a shown in Fig. [[12]] 16 is received, then it obtains

the co-ordinates of region 2. Next, it searches the optical disk device 1104 for image data having the file name 1717 contained in the retrieval information 1716.

**Please replace** the paragraph at page 75, lines 6-22, with the following re-written paragraph:

The first input section 222 comprises an image reader for converting original image data for a document (original document) which it is intended to disclose into image data, and it also comprises various input device, such as a keyboard, mouse, signal input terminal, and the like, for inputting external control signals, such as prescribed commands, or the like. In the case of the present example, it is supposed that the original document is the paper-based information illustrated in Fig. [[2]] 25. Similarly to the prior art, the obtained image data is transmitted to the CPU 224, together with two-dimensional co-ordinate values, and is stored in a first memory 226. Moreover, the party registering the data inputs the name of the provider of the original document, the item names in the document, and the date, as searchable keywords, by means of the first input section 222. In this example, it is assumed that there is no objection to disclosure of these keyword data.

**Please replace** the paragraph at page 95, lines 12-23, with the following re-written paragraph:

Furthermore, Fig. 40 respectively illustrates a directory structure and file structure corresponding to the structured image data. In Fig. 40, the file corresponding to Fig. 33 is depicted in the current directory 10, and at the first layer of the structured image data, the index data (Index3.xml) ~~denoted by~~ 11 corresponding to reference numeral 334, and the

image data direction (Image directory) 12 corresponding to same are displayed, as in Fig. 15, whilst the second layer contains the respective image data stored in the Image directory, in other words, all of the image data "Image.jpg" 13, the image data "Image1.jpg" 14 corresponding to the first region 262, and the image data "Image2.jpg" 15 corresponding to the second region 264.

**Please replace** the paragraph at page 109, lines 11-18, with the following re-written paragraph:

Three groups 25 of item names are shown in Figure 42. Fig. 42 is a diagram showing a data pair comprising reading authorization level correspondence data and item name correspondence data. In the diagram, the reading authorization level "1", reading authorization level "2" and reading authorization level "3" are shown respectively as "Group Level = '1'", "Group Level = '2'" and "Group Level = '3'". In this way, the reading authorization level specifies the number of items and the item names for which disclosure is applicable.

**Please replace** the paragraph at page 142, lines 4-17, with the following re-written paragraph:

Figs. 53(A), 53(B) and 53(C) are diagrams giving an illustration of reading authorization settings in the fifth document management system 500, respectively showing display screens 30, 31, and 32 where aforementioned data elements are depicted on the second screen display section 290. The display screen 30 shown in Fig. 53(A) is a reading authorization setting data screen corresponding to Fig. 43. The display screen 31 shown in

Fig. 53(B) is a data screen for identifying the reader, and previously registered names can be selected on this screen. The display screen 32 shown in Fig. 53(C) is a data screen for specifying an attribute name, in other words, a department to which the reader belongs, and on this screen, it is possible to select previously registered department titles. This reader specification data (Fig. 53(B)) and the department title specification data (Fig. 53(C)) are obtained from the reader level data.

**Please replace** the paragraph at page 142, lines 18-26, with the following re-written paragraph:

Fig. 54 is a diagram illustrating an example of reader level data 40. This reader level data is structured data containing names, attributes and reader levels. In this example, the reader levels are specified for respective reader's names, in the form of name <Person> tag data, for instance: '<Person Level = "3"> YAMADA TARO', '<Person Level = "3"> SATO HANAKO', '<Person Level = "1"> SUZUKI ZIRO', '<Person Level = "1"> MAINITI HAGEMI', '<Person Level = "1"> YOGOTO TUTOMU', and the like.

**Please replace** the paragraph at page 143, line 25 through page 144 line 3, with the following re-written paragraph:

In this way, it is possible to specify, automatically, by means of the reader level data such as reader level data 40, which range of items are to be disclosed, in other words, which items are not suitable for disclosure, according to the name and/or the department title of the registering party.

**Please replace** the paragraph at page 150, lines 15-18, with the following re-written paragraph:

Moreover, login setting data required in order to perform login is stored in the second memory 286 of the sixth reading terminal device 540. Fig. 57 illustrates a screen display 50 of this login setting data, in other words, a login screen.